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Missouri Labor Market Review

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Missouri labor market conditions reflected the usual seasonal changes in November, with the unemployment rate edging up a tenth of a percentage point to 5.9 percent, and employment beginning to decrease.

About 1400 more Missourians were unemployed in November than in October, according to preliminary November and revised October labor force estimates. Total employment dropped by 27,300 to 2,343,000, and the labor force contracted seasonally (by 26,000) to 2,489,800. Compared to November 1984, total employment is up by 122,700, while the labor force has grown by 116,000. Unemployment has decreased by 6700 people in this period, and the rate dropped six-tenths of a percentage point from last year's 6.5 percent.

Nonfarm payroll employment fell by 7900 jobs in November, to 2,043,100. About half the drop occurred in durable goods manufacturing, as a strike in the automobile industry caused employment to fall by 2900 jobs to 27,700. The other large drops were seasonal ones in services (4000 jobs) and construction (2300 jobs); these were partly offset by seasonal increases in retail trade (1600 jobs) and state and local government (1500 jobs). Manufacturing employment remains below the level of a year ago.

National Economic and Labor Market Conditions

National unemployment stayed slightly above the 8 million mark in November as the seasonally adjusted civilian

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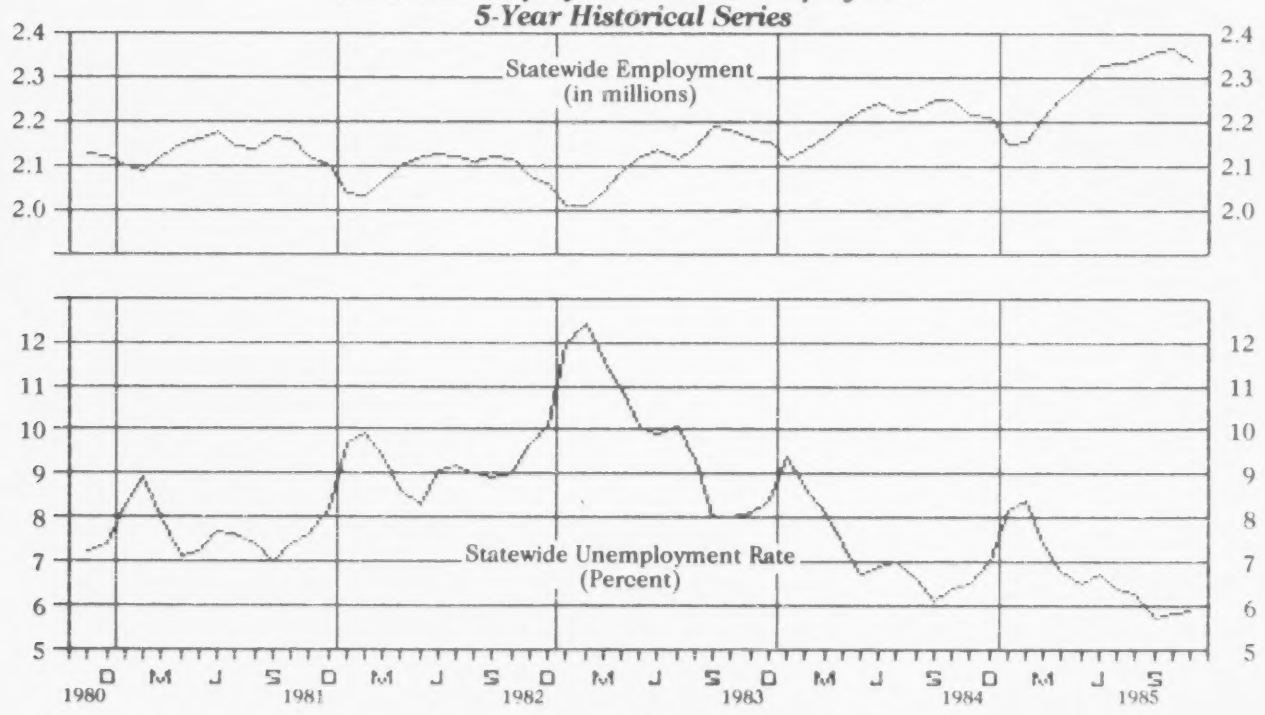

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COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA	CURRENT MONTH - NOV 1985 (PRELIMINARY)				PREVIOUS MONTH - OCT 1985 (REVISED)				ONE YEAR AGO - NOV 1984 (BENCHMARKED 1984)			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
STATEWIDE	2489861	2343019	146842	5.9	2515745	2370281	145464	5.8	2373748	2220251	153497	6.5
ST. LOUIS MSA	1198708	1115562	83146	6.9	1201887	1117381	84506	7.0	1170031	1087788	82243	7.0
KANSAS CITY MSA	762203	725686	36517	4.8	763607	728761	34846	4.6	739274	702222	37052	5.0
SPRINGFIELD MSA	122176	116708	5468	4.5	122594	117084	5510	4.5	118002	112239	5763	4.9
COLUMBIA MSA	65300	62729	2571	3.9	65506	63143	2363	3.6	60666	58606	2060	3.4
JOPLIN MSA	64997	61361	3636	5.6	65241	61593	3648	5.6	58579	55007	3572	6.1
ST. JOSEPH MSA	40532	37987	2595	6.4	41046	38360	2686	6.5	42393	39137	3256	7.7
ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA	16523	15755	768	4.6	16807	16137	670	4.0	15949	15019	930	5.8
ANDREW	6768	6408	360	5.3	6984	6678	306	4.4	6160	5801	359	5.8
ATCHISON	4206	4022	184	4.4	4361	4233	128	2.9	4078	3834	244	6.0
AUDRAIN	11620	10945	675	5.8	12046	11325	721	6.0	11074	10318	756	6.8
BARRY	12782	12029	753	5.9	12972	12353	619	4.8	11154	10353	801	7.2
BARTON	5234	5039	195	3.7	5471	5282	189	3.5	4982	4718	264	5.3
BATES	7909	7484	425	5.4	8244	7846	398	4.8	7300	6893	407	5.6
BENTON	5685	5210	475	8.4	5853	5494	369	6.3	5445	5069	376	6.9
BOLLINGER	2935	2571	364	12.4	3192	2782	410	12.8	3111	2660	451	14.5
BUTLER	17944	16532	1412	7.9	18014	16608	1406	7.8	16806	15279	1527	9.1
CALDWELL	3620	3376	244	6.7	3708	3538	170	4.6	3530	3346	184	5.2
CALLAWAY	19081	18083	998	5.2	19349	18394	955	4.9	18065	16843	1222	6.8
CAMDEN	15459	14506	953	6.2	16262	15498	764	4.7	12607	11611	996	7.9
CAPE GIRARDEAU	35168	33762	1406	4.0	35323	33861	1462	4.1	31326	29902	1424	4.5
CARROLL	4733	4407	326	6.9	5070	4770	300	5.9	4507	4232	275	6.1
CARTER	2798	2443	355	12.7	3090	2698	392	12.7	2686	2289	397	14.8
CEDAR	4672	4382	290	6.2	4849	4532	317	6.5	4320	4025	295	6.8
CHARITON	5173	4788	385	7.4	5442	5074	368	6.8	4842	4503	339	7.0
CLARK	3617	3404	213	5.9	3891	3591	300	7.7	3263	2921	342	10.5
CLINTON	7492	7066	426	5.7	7683	7346	337	4.4	7150	6689	461	6.4
COLE/OSAGE LMA	40616	38526	2090	5.1	40583	38591	1992	4.9	36905	34750	2155	5.8
COOPER	7397	6898	499	6.7	7614	7242	372	4.9	6712	6318	394	5.9
CRAWFORD	7965	7342	623	7.8	7893	7336	557	7.1	7123	6444	679	9.5
DADE	3872	3687	185	4.8	4072	3866	206	5.1	3764	3610	154	4.1
DALLAS	5081	4704	377	7.4	5336	4964	372	7.0	4567	4216	351	7.7
DAVIESS	3225	3019	206	6.4	3383	3213	170	5.0	2979	2772	207	6.9
DEKALB	3849	3606	243	6.3	3992	3809	183	4.6	3437	3247	190	5.5
DENT	6174	5560	614	9.9	6371	5861	510	8.0	6035	5412	623	10.3
DOUGLAS	4734	4243	491	10.4	5070	4495	575	11.3	4427	3766	661	14.9
DUNKLIN	13509	12297	1212	9.0	13822	12567	1255	9.1	12701	11321	1380	10.9
GASCONADE	7683	7348	335	4.4	7716	7442	274	3.6	7038	6604	434	6.2
GENTRY	3978	3824	154	3.9	4112	4004	108	2.6	3943	3784	159	4.0
GRUNDY	5462	5138	324	5.9	5524	5199	325	5.9	5090	4780	310	6.1
HARRISON	5393	5122	271	5.0	5650	5417	233	4.1	4898	4659	239	4.9
HENRY	10109	9441	668	6.6	10373	9755	623	6.0	9537	9003	534	5.6
HICKORY	2804	2706	178	6.2	2954	2795	159	5.4	2492	2305	187	7.5
HOLT	3501	3335	166	4.7	3649	3550	99	2.7	3324	3195	129	3.9
HOWARD	4977	4700	277	5.6	5136	4893	243	4.7	4477	4230	247	5.5
HOWELL	13739	12648	1091	7.9	13823	12787	1036	7.5	13292	12099	1193	9.0
IRON	3678	3226	452	12.3	3794	3298	496	13.1	4384	3586	798	18.2
JOHNSON	17664	16961	703	4.0	17828	17098	730	4.1	16702	16084	618	3.7
KNOX	2390	2238	152	6.4	2570	2424	146	5.7	2282	2133	149	6.5
LACLEDE	12577	11490	1087	8.6	12744	11622	1122	8.8	11153	10093	1060	9.5
LAWRENCE	13511	12700	811	6.0	13651	12854	797	5.8	12277	11282	995	8.1

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LEWIS	6030	5533	497	8.2	6218	5732	486	7.8	5357	4953	404	7.5
LINCOLN	11549	10745	804	7.0	11942	11192	750	6.3	10307	9534	773	7.5
LINN	7927	7287	640	8.1	8274	7560	714	8.6	7480	6754	726	9.7
LIVINGSTON	7039	6629	410	5.8	7247	6894	353	4.9	6606	6124	482	7.3
MACON	7329	6793	536	7.3	7559	7047	512	6.8	6986	6532	454	6.5
MADISON	3948	3571	377	9.5	3991	3619	372	9.3	3790	3434	356	9.4
MARIES	3229	2988	241	7.5	3347	3102	245	7.3	2481	2256	225	9.1
MARION/RALLS LMA	18991	17617	1374	7.2	19250	17979	1271	6.6	17897	16679	1218	6.8
MCDONALD	5882	5402	480	8.2	6121	5630	491	8.0	5453	5086	367	6.7
MERCER	1696	1594	102	6.0	1850	1756	94	5.1	1685	1602	83	4.9
MILLER	11403	10374	1029	9.0	11736	10845	891	7.6	10172	8962	1210	11.9
MISSISSIPPI	7213	6544	669	9.3	7326	6570	756	10.3	6527	5838	689	10.6
MONITEAU	5252	4561	691	13.2	5115	4517	598	11.7	4756	4295	461	9.7
MONROE	4846	4591	255	5.3	5054	4871	183	3.6	4406	4196	210	4.8
MONTGOMERY	5260	4853	407	7.7	5436	5062	374	6.9	5076	4679	397	7.8
MORGAN	5982	5350	632	10.6	6346	5651	695	11.0	5568	4780	788	14.2
NEW MADRID	12064	11170	894	7.4	12385	11511	874	7.1	10994	10156	838	7.6
NODAWAY	11607	11077	530	4.6	11964	11488	476	4.0	10595	10198	397	3.7
OREGON	2985	2704	281	9.4	3240	2929	311	9.6	3146	2734	412	13.1
OZARK	4186	3940	246	5.9	4478	4246	232	5.2	4079	3703	376	9.2
PEMISCOT	8643	7961	682	7.9	8948	8234	714	8.0	8016	7295	721	9.0
PERRY	7647	7209	438	5.7	7738	7340	398	5.1	7014	6525	489	7.0
PETTIS	18759	17544	1215	6.5	18928	17736	1192	6.3	16361	15203	1158	7.1
PHELPS	16893	15892	1001	5.9	16866	15975	891	5.3	15833	14805	1028	6.5
PIKE	7277	6722	555	7.6	7346	6834	512	7.0	6801	6165	636	9.4
POLK	9799	9247	552	5.6	9995	9396	599	6.0	8848	8381	467	5.3
PULASKI	10213	9522	691	6.8	10176	9481	695	6.8	8876	8183	693	7.8
PUTNAM	2850	2715	135	4.7	3049	2926	123	4.0	2886	2714	172	6.0
RANDOLPH	12731	11887	844	6.6	12947	12173	774	6.0	11347	10641	706	6.2
REYNOLDS	2248	1888	360	16.0	2239	1938	301	13.4	2224	1909	315	14.2
RIPLEY	3686	3316	370	10.0	3736	3343	393	10.5	3251	2919	332	10.2
SALINE	14888	14056	832	5.6	14841	14281	560	3.8	13505	12861	644	4.8
SCOTLAND	2452	2325	127	5.2	2697	2576	121	4.5	2317	2172	145	6.3
SCOTT	18062	16688	1374	7.6	18357	16990	1367	7.4	16945	15485	1460	8.6
SHANNON	2729	2206	523	19.2	2664	2266	398	14.9	3111	2569	542	17.4
SHELBY	3467	3263	204	5.9	3611	3477	134	3.7	3100	2976	124	4.0
ST. CLAIR	3904	3710	194	5.0	4014	3839	175	4.4	3674	3459	215	5.9
ST. FRANCOIS	20462	18708	1754	8.6	20596	18761	1835	8.9	19501	17685	1816	9.3
STE. GENEVIEVE	6592	6096	496	7.5	6653	6159	494	7.4	5625	5178	447	7.9
STODDARD	13748	12737	1011	7.4	13921	12896	1025	7.4	12288	11312	976	7.9
STONE	8247	7160	1087	13.2	10097	9482	615	6.1	7133	6036	1097	15.4
SULLIVAN	3536	3330	206	5.8	3666	3491	175	4.8	3337	3127	210	6.3
TANEY	15857	14341	1516	9.6	17493	16748	745	4.3	14042	12435	1607	11.4
TEXAS	8008	7099	909	11.4	8058	7132	926	11.5	7955	6860	1095	13.8
VERNON	10236	9745	491	4.8	10581	10131	450	4.3	9345	8843	502	5.4
WARREN	7772	7297	475	6.1	7678	7307	371	4.8	6497	6041	456	7.0
WASHINGTON	4904	4140	764	15.6	5215	4415	800	15.3	4551	3635	916	20.1
WAYNE	4441	3951	490	11.0	4448	3954	494	11.1	4328	3705	623	14.4
WEBSTER	8814	8098	716	8.1	9138	8422	716	7.8	7690	7006	684	8.9
WORTH	1268	1184	84	6.6	1335	1291	44	3.3	1101	1004	97	8.8
WRIGHT	7677	7160	517	6.7	8006	7360	646	8.1	7120	6481	639	9.0

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Table 2. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment, Hours and Earnings
Missouri (Statewide)
November, 1985

Industry Title	All Employees (In Thousands)			Production Workers: Average Weekly Earnings			Production Workers: Average Weekly Hours			Production Workers: Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Total Non-Agri. Employment	2043.1	2051.0	2041.8									
Total Manufacturing	425.4	429.1	432.9	INA	INA	381.75	INA	INA	40.1	INA	INA	9.52
Durable Goods	242.2	246.1	248.4	INA	INA	420.25	INA	INA	41.0	INA	INA	10.25
Lumber & Wood Products	10.5	10.6	10.7	247.04	246.93	238.08	39.4	39.7	38.4	6.27	6.22	6.20
Furniture & Fixtures	11.1	11.1	11.0	310.16	317.10	325.69	41.3	42.0	43.6	7.51	7.55	7.47
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	10.5	10.6	11.1	413.17	423.55	410.94	39.2	40.3	39.4	10.54	10.51	10.43
Cement, Hydraulic	0.9	1.0	1.0	538.99	545.10	484.22	39.4	39.5	35.5	13.68	13.80	13.64
Structural Clay Prod.	2.1	2.2	2.3	462.72	474.80	435.46	38.4	39.6	37.8	12.05	11.99	11.52
Primary Metal Industries	12.4	12.7	13.6	429.34	431.33	417.09	40.2	40.5	39.2	10.68	10.65	10.64
Iron & Steel Foundries	1.8	1.9	2.1	369.72	378.22	341.33	39.5	41.2	38.7	9.36	9.18	8.82
Nonferrous Foundries	3.2	3.2	3.1	330.37	342.63	351.04	41.4	42.3	44.1	7.98	8.10	7.96
Fabricated Metal Products	28.5	28.7	27.9	393.54	390.29	376.27	41.6	41.3	40.2	9.46	9.45	9.36
Fabricated Structural Metal Prod.	11.5	11.4	10.5	393.02	394.15	351.84	41.9	42.2	39.4	9.38	9.34	8.93
Machinery Exc. Electrical	31.6	31.7	31.8	417.38	413.91	398.79	40.8	40.9	40.1	10.23	10.12	9.92
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	51.4	51.5	51.3	384.96	374.77	371.32	40.1	39.7	40.1	9.60	9.44	9.26
Transportation Equipment	68.0	70.8	72.3	INA	INA	583.87	INA	INA	43.9	INA	INA	13.30
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	27.7	30.6	33.7	609.87	615.39	615.90	43.1	43.8	46.1	14.15	14.05	13.36
Instruments & Related Prod.	11.5	11.5	11.8	302.25	302.65	324.80	40.3	40.3	40.0	7.50	7.51	8.12
Misc. Mfg. Inds.	6.9	6.9	7.1	244.20	246.77	263.59	38.7	38.2	39.4	6.31	6.46	6.69
Nondurable Goods	183.2	183.0	184.4	345.63	340.73	333.45	39.5	39.3	39.0	8.75	8.67	8.55
Food & Kindred Products	45.0	45.3	44.5	410.48	410.31	396.47	42.1	42.3	41.0	9.75	9.70	9.67
Meat Products & Preserved Fruits & Vegetables	12.5	12.5	11.7	286.30	283.39	280.68	40.9	40.6	39.7	7.00	6.98	7.07
Dairy Products	6.2	6.2	6.3	445.98	444.77	398.27	44.2	44.7	42.1	10.09	9.95	9.46
Grain Mill Products	7.1	7.2	7.1	469.22	477.29	472.61	45.6	44.9	45.4	10.29	10.63	10.41
Bakery Products	5.4	5.4	5.3	386.12	384.54	393.95	39.4	39.0	38.1	9.80	9.86	10.34
Beverages	10.0	10.0	9.9	586.37	602.21	552.24	38.2	40.8	39.0	15.35	14.76	14.16

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	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Other Food & Kindred	3.8	4.0	4.2	457.04	423.15	417.78	46.4	45.5	42.2	9.85	9.30	9.90
Textile & Apparel	23.6	23.8	25.1	194.66	194.86	190.97	35.2	35.3	35.3	5.53	5.52	5.41
Paper & Allied Products	13.7	13.4	12.9	377.74	378.10	380.97	40.1	40.7	41.5	9.42	9.29	9.18
Paperboard Cont. & Boxes	6.9	6.9	6.6	378.54	392.50	366.83	40.1	41.8	40.4	9.44	9.39	9.08
Printing & Publishing	40.0	40.0	40.0	393.79	377.64	373.98	39.3	38.3	38.2	10.02	9.86	9.79
Commercial Printing	13.0	12.9	12.8	442.21	429.20	438.06	41.6	40.2	40.3	10.63	10.65	10.87
Chemicals & Allied	29.5	29.6	29.1	467.40	462.26	468.68	41.0	40.8	42.3	11.40	11.33	11.08
Leather & Leather Products	18.0	17.7	19.5	198.56	192.60	186.69	36.5	35.8	34.7	5.44	5.38	5.38
Footwear Exc. Rubber	14.5	14.3	15.6	191.52	186.38	182.88	36.0	35.5	34.9	5.32	5.25	5.24
Total Nonmanufacturing	1617.7	1621.9	1608.9									
Mining	6.3	6.4	5.9									
Construction	83.1	85.4	85.1									
Transportation & Public Util.	132.8	133.4	135.4									
Railroad Transportation	12.5	12.5	13.4									
Transportation (Exc. R.R.)	68.3	68.7	69.6									
Communications	51.9	52.1	52.3									
Wholesale & Retail Trade	492.9	491.3	488.8									
Wholesale Trade	130.3	130.3	131.9									
Retail Trade	362.6	361.0	358.0									
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	114.6	115.3	113.6									
Services	442.2	446.2	434.3									
Government	345.8	343.9	345.8									
Federal Government	70.1	69.7	68.7									
State & Local Government	275.7	274.2	277.1									

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rate decreased by a statistically insignificant one-tenth of a percentage point to 7 percent. Total civilian employment changed little in November, remaining near the 107.9 million mark, while nonfarm payrolls increased by 180,000 jobs. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that both employment measures have increased by about a million in the past four months. In the past year, total civilian employment grew by about 2 million while payroll employment was up by about 3 million, all in the nonmanufacturing industries. Since the recession ended in late 1982, these two employment measures have grown by about 9 and 10 million, respectively.

Manufacturing employment has finally begun to look up slightly after decreasing during most of the year. Employment was about 100,000 higher in November than in September, and the factory workweek remained at a high 40.7 hours, suggesting that manufacturers may add more workers to their payrolls in upcoming months.

Outlook

Because of uncertainties involving economic policy, there seems to be less of a consensus about the economic outlook than at some times. Many economic forecasters expect relatively slow growth early in 1986 with a slight increase later in the year. A few forecasters expect a downturn in 1986, but they seem to be a relatively small minority. There will probably be little underlying change in Missouri labor market conditions in the upcoming months, with seasonal decreases in employment and increases in unemployment dominating conditions into February.

Table 3. Selected Economic Statistics Related To Manpower Developments Missouri — November, 1985

Item	Current Mo. (Preliminary)	1 Mo. Ago (Revised)	1Yr. Ago (Revised)	Net Change To Current Month From:	
				1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Civilian Labor Force (No. of Workers)	2,489,800	2,515,800	2,373,800	-26,000	116,000
Total Employed	2,343,000	2,370,300	2,220,300	-27,300	112,700
Total Unemployed	146,800	145,500	153,500	1,300	-6,700
Unemployment Rate (% of CLF)	5.9	5.8	6.5	0.1	-0.6
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment Except Domestics (No. of Jobs)	2,043,100	2,051,000	2,041,800	-7,900	1,300
Manufacturing	425,400	429,200	432,900	-3,800	-7,500
Durable Goods	242,200	246,100	248,400	-3,900	-6,200
Nondurable Goods	183,200	183,000	184,400	-4,100	-1,200
Nonmanufacturing	1,617,700	1,621,800	1,608,900	-4,100	8,800
State Initial Claims (Wkly Avg.)	8,414	7,689	8,549	725	-135
State Insured Unemployment (Wkly Avg.)	39,506	39,174	42,097	332	-2,591
Insured Unemployment Rate	2.4	1.7	1.3	0.7	1.1
Exhaustions (State U.I.)	2,751	3,041	3,403	-290	-652
Amount of Benefits Paid	$14,265,869	$14,904,955	$13,096,821	-$639,086	$1,169,048
State U.I.	13,960,342	14,573,662	12,784,657	-613,320	1,175,685
UCFE	151,293	175,341	147,689	-24,048	3,604
UCX	154,233	155,951	164,475	-1,718	-10,242

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Kansas City Labor Market Review

The Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Jackson, Cass, Clay, Lafayette, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Wyandotte, Leavenworth and Miami counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the MSA has been published at 1,433,458 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

November, 1985

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Despite the unexpectedly good rebound in Retail Trade employment, after two consecutive months of declines, the unemployment rate inched up by two tenths of a percentage point to the November 1985 rate of 4.8 per cent of the labor force. Losses in Services and Construction and non-payroll jobs contributed to the increase in the number of jobless persons by 1,700 persons over-the-month. Also over-the-month, the civilian labor force continued to shrink, dropping by 1,400 persons. Compared to year ago figures, the number of unemployed was lower by only 600 persons. However, the civilian labor force topped last year's level by 22,900 persons and contributed to a rise in the number of employed by 23,500. Although civilian employment was up over the year-ago figures, net over-the-month civilian employment was up over the year-ago figures, net over-the-month civilian employment fell by 3,100 persons. Similarly, payroll employment was virturally unchanged with a net gain of only 300 new payroll jobs. Over-the-year payroll employment fared slightly better with 2,600 more jobs in November 1984.

Wage and salaried employment in November 1985 was 678,900, up by 300 from the October 1985 total of 678,600. Despite the slightly better than average employment gains in Retail Trade as retailers hired on an extra 2,400 workers for holiday shoppers, overall gains in payroll jobs were minimal. The month marked the start of the cycle of hiring of tax processors by the Federal Government. Over-the-month 600 workers were added in Federal Government. State and Local Government gained 200 workers while Transportation Equipment and Machinery also were up slightly. Losses continued in Services and Construction. Services employment fell by 1,800 and Construction posted losses of 800 jobs. Other industries showing minor losses over-the-month were Wholesale Trade, Fabricated Metals, Stone, Clay and Glass and Food and Kindred.

Wage and salaried employment increased by 3,600 jobs from November 1984 to November 1985. Durable Goods Manufacturing gained 700 jobs over-the-year, while Nondurable Goods Manufacturing gained 300 jobs. Nonmanufacturing gained 2,600 jobs. Overall, Nonmanufacturing continued to make gains over year ago levels at a slightly slower rate than at any other time over-the-year. With the exception of State and Local Government, which gained 900 jobs, most industries within Nonmanufacturing either lost jobs or gained fewer jobs over-the-year ago levels than were gained last month. Construction was down by 700 jobs over the 12-month period. Transportation, Communications and Utilities recorded 300 fewer jobs. Within Trade, Wholesale Trade had 100 fewer jobs while Retail Trade continued its ninth consecutive month of losses over 1984 levels, with another 1,100 jobs lost from year ago. Services employment was up over-the-year but, with 1,800 new jobs, made its smallest advance of the year. State and Local Government posted 1,300 more jobs at this time than in 1984. Durable Goods Manufacturing made its best showing, relative to year ago levels, in November 1985 than in the previous nine months, with 700 new jobs. Fabricated Metals and Transportation Equipment topped the list of gainers with 500 new jobs each. Other gains were recorded in Electrical Equipment, Machinery and Furniture and Fixtures. Machinery's gain of 100 jobs in November marked the first month of 1985 that employment topped 1984 levels. Losses were recorded in Primary Metals, down by 400, and Stone, Clay and Glass, down by 100. Within Nondurable Goods Manufacturing, gains were posted in Chemicals, up by 400, and other Nondurables, up by 200. Minor losses were recorded in all remaining Nondurable Manufacturing industries.

Total unemployment on a place-of-residence basis was 36,500 in November 1985 for 4.8 per cent of the labor force, compared to 34,800 in October 1985 for 4.6 per cent of the labor force and 37,100 in November 1984 for 5.0 per cent of the labor force.

Employment and Unemployment Forecast

Despite a relatively sluggish year in Retail Trade compared to 1984, December 1985 may repeat November 1985 with much better than average employment increases in Retail Trade. Additional gains are expected in Federal Government as the hiring of tax processors continues. Overall Government employment may decline as Area schools temporarily close for a semester break. An early winter, also may contribute to larger than usual losses in Construction and Services. Little overall change is expected in Manufacturing. The unemployment is expected to rise slightly as 1985 ends. Unemployment is expected to be 4.9 per cent of the labor force in December 1985, compared to 4.8 per cent in November 1985 and 5.3 per cent in December 1984.

The Area's unemployment rate is expected to rise by at least half a point in January 1986. As retailers begin laying off temporary workers, the number of jobless should increase by over 4,000. Substantial losses will continue in Construction and Services. Only minor changes are anticipated in Manufacturing. The only employment increase expected will be in Government as the seasonal hiring of federal tax processors continue. Unemployment is expected to be 5.4 per cent of the labor force in January 1986, compared to 6.0 per cent in January 1985.

Kansas City Area-
Missouri Job Service Statistics

Latest available data from the Employment Service Automated Reporting System (ESARS) indicated 29,446 applicants in the active file for Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area at the end of November 1985. Breakdowns of the figure according to applicant characteristics are as follows:

General Characteristics	Per Cent
Age: Under 22	16.8
22-44	68.0
45 and over	15.2
Sex: Male	59.9
Female	40.1
Racial or Ethnic Group	
Black	31.9
Other Non-White	1.0
Hispanic	2.1

Miscellaneous Characteristics	Per Cent
Unemployment Insurance Claimants	45.3
Veterans	20.7
Handicapped	2.3

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 91, dated November 30, 1985.

Job Placements

During November 1985, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service Offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 7,985 and job placements totaled 2,495. There were 1,517 veteran referrals in November 1985, with 288 veteran placements. During October 1985, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 11,244 and job placements totaled 4,425. There were 2,048 veteran referrals in October 1985, with 418 veteran placements.

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 90, dated November 30, 1985.

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed in the Kansas City Area (Missouri Side Only) November 1985

Insured Unemployed by Age and Sex

Age	Male Per Cent	Female Per Cent	Total Per Cent
Under 25	18.1	16.9	17.6
25-34	41.4	35.8	38.9
35-44	21.1	24.1	22.4
45-54	11.7	14.3	12.8
55-64	7.0	7.8	7.3
65 and over	0.6	1.1	0.8
Unreported	0.1	0.0	0.2

Insured Unemployed by Industry (SIC)

Industry	Per Cent
Agricultural	0.5
Mining	0.4
Construction	10.4
Manufacturing	31.7
Transportation, Communications & Utilities	7.0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	16.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	3.3
Services	27.2
All Other	2.9
Information not available	0.1

Insured Unemployed by Occupation (DOT)

Occupation	Per Cent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	12.6
Clerical	17.1
Sales	4.0
Services	12.6
Farming, Forestry & Fishing	0.6
Processing	2.1
Machine Trades	7.0
Benchwork	9.9
Structural Work	8.4
Miscellaneous	14.6
Information not available	11.1

The number of insured unemployed counted for the above percentages was 6,665; 3,713 were male and 2,951 were female.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)
(Benchmark — March 1984)

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas **Month and Year of Current:** November, 1985

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salaried Employment	678,900	678,600	675,300	+300	+3,600
Total Manufacturing	120,800	121,000	119,800	-200	+1,000
Durable Goods	68,300	68,400	67,600	-100	+700
Lumber & Furniture	3,500	3,500	3,400	0	+100
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,700	3,800	3,800	-100	-100
Primary Metal Industries	3,600	3,600	4,000	0	-400
Fabricated Metal Products	9,800	10,000	9,300	-200	+500
Machinery Except Electrical	8,000	7,900	7,900	+100	+100
Electrical Equipment & Supplies	20,900	20,900	20,700	0	+200
Transportation Equipment	15,200	15,100	14,700	+100	+500
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(14,900)	(14,900)	(14,500)	(0)	(+400)
Other Durable Goods	3,600	3,600	3,800	0	-200
Nondurable Goods	52,500	52,600	52,200	-100	+300
Food & Kindred Products	9,900	10,000	10,000	-100	-100
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2,500	2,500	2,600	0	-100
Paper & Allied Products	5,400	5,400	5,400	0	0
Printing & Publishing	19,800	19,800	19,900	0	-100
Chemicals & Allied Products	9,100	9,100	8,700	0	+400
Petroleum & Coal Products	600	600	600	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	5,200	5,200	5,000	0	+200
Total Nonmanufacturing	558,100	557,600	555,500	+500	+2,600
Mining & Quarrying	800	800	700	0	+100
Construction	28,400	29,200	29,100	-800	-700
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	51,800	51,800	52,100	0	-300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	173,000	170,700	174,200	+2,300	-1,200
Wholesale Trade	(53,400)	(53,500)	(53,500)	(-100)	(-100)
Retail Trade	(119,600)	(117,200)	(120,700)	(+2,400)	(-1,100)
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	50,400	50,400	149,700	0	+700
Services	148,900	150,700	147,100	-1,800	+1,800
Government	104,800	104,000	102,600	+800	+2,200
Federal Government	(29,000)	(28,400)	(28,100)	(+600)	(+900)
State & Local Government	(75,800)	(75,600)	(74,500)	(+200)	(+1,300)
In Labor-Management Disputes	500	500	100	0	+400

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Table 2. Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas **Month and Year of Current Data: November, 1985**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$443.19	$438.93	$438.61	40.4	40.2	41.3	$10.97	$10.92	$10.62
Durable Goods	471.14	466.00	471.55	40.2	40.0	41.4	11.72	11.65	11.39
Lumber & Furniture	291.85	295.16	322.40	38.3	37.6	40.3	7.62	7.85	8.00
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	503.30	485.85	503.10	40.2	38.9	44.8	12.52	12.49	11.23
Primary Metal Industries	415.16	412.56	426.21	38.8	38.2	39.5	10.70	10.80	10.79
Fabricated Metal Products	385.12	390.86	372.19	40.2	41.1	40.9	9.58	9.51	9.10
Machinery Exc. Electrical	418.72	408.43	409.62	40.3	40.2	39.5	10.39	10.16	10.37
Electrical Equip. & Supplies	486.74	472.72	483.48	40.8	40.3	42.9	11.93	11.73	11.27
Transportation Equipment	598.04	598.44	598.42	40.6	40.6	41.1	14.73	14.74	14.56
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(601.29)	(601.69)	(603.17)	(40.6)	(40.6)	(41.2)	(14.81)	(14.82)	(14.64)
Other Durable Goods	266.54	256.26	257.80	37.7	36.4	37.8	7.07	7.04	6.82
Nondurable Goods	399.75	395.60	384.81	41.0	40.7	41.2	9.75	9.72	9.34
Food & Kindred Products	423.24	431.27	428.71	43.1	43.3	42.7	9.82	9.96	10.04
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	189.84	184.90	185.86	33.9	32.9	32.9	5.60	5.62	5.64
*Paper & Allied Products	405.92	391.11	368.26	43.0	42.1	41.1	9.44	9.24	8.96
Printing & Publishing	410.51	407.21	389.46	37.8	37.6	39.3	10.86	10.82	9.91
Chemicals & Allied Products	533.90	518.43	384.10	45.4	44.5	44.7	11.76	11.65	10.83
Petroleum & Coal Products	373.07	372.94	404.28	38.5	37.9	43.1	9.69	9.84	9.38
Other Nondurable Goods	270.55	266.26	306.87	40.2	40.1	43.1	6.73	6.64	7.13

* This series excludes industry 2771.

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St. Louis Labor Market Review

The St. Louis Area includes the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri; and Clinton, Madison, Monroe, St. Clair and Jersey Counties in Illinois. The 1980 population for the Area was stated as 2,376,998 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

November, 1985

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Area Labor Force Developments

The St. Louis MSA unemployment rate declined from 7.0% in October to 6.9% in November. The number of unemployed declined by 1400 while total employment was down by 1800. The November 6.9% rate is the lowest unemployment rate registered in the St. Louis area since December, 1979 when it was 6.0%, an early month of the most recent recession. Over the month, most major industries registered normal seasonal variations. The motor vehicles industry was the only sector affected by a major labor dispute in November. Over the year, unemployment rose by 900 and employment added 27,800 workers. The unemployment rate in November 1984 was 7.0%. There were 3400 labor disputants in November, 300 in October, and 500 in November, 1984.

Manufacturing

Manufacturing employment declined by 3400 over the month. Motor vehicles, affected by a strike at one assembly plant, was down 3000. Small seasonal variations occurred in lumber, stone, food and apparel. Over the year, manufacturing is down 2200. Other than the strike affected motor vehicles sector, the only industries reporting gains were aircraft, stone & electrical equipment. All other manufacturing sectors registered declining or level employment.

Nonmanufacturing

Nonmanufacturing employment increased by 2300 over the month. Retail trade added 2600 workers in preparation of the holiday buying season. Another seasonal increase is expected in this industry when December information is

available. Small seasonal employment increases at area schools caused the service (private) and government (state & local) sectors to register gains. Seasonal declines were reported by construction, transportation, and real estate. Over the year, nonmanufacturing has added 8500 workers. Significant gains continue to be reported in services, retail trade, finance and federal government employment.

Unemployment and Manpower Resources

State UI continued claimants in the MSA were up 2300 in November from October. In the Missouri portion of the MSA they were up 1100 and in the Illinois portion they were up 1200.

The distribution of weeks claimed by intrastate Missouri resident claimants by industry attachment is as follows:

Industry	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
INA	9	2	0	2
Agriculture	22	24	26	40
Mining	27	15	25	27
Construction	919	949	882	1566
Manufacturing Total	5869	3434	3056	3716
Food	290	356	338	488
Textile	22	17	20	23
Apparel	184	216	195	152
Lumber	23	20	20	37
Furniture	120	98	69	89
Paper	85	98	85	90
Printing	131	128	143	163
Chemicals	277	274	284	323
Petroleum	12	21	23	21
Rubber	123	108	82	114
Leather	234	224	178	174
Stone	44	52	28	77
Primary Metal	137	128	100	154
Fabricated Metal	403	414	423	510
Machinery	90	93	89	106
Electrtical Machinery	276	252	317	396
Transportation Equip.	2844	393	187	234
Instruments	17	16	20	31
Miscellaneous	554	524	453	541
Public Utilities	923	627	490	752
Wholesale & Retail Tr.	2051	1904	1607	2252
Finance	321	307	261	318
Services	5282	5091	4308	5526
All Other	251	277	247	289
TOTAL	15674	12630	10902	14488

Of the 14,488 intrastate Missouri resident claimants in November, 1985, 58.7 percent were male and 41.3 percent were female.

The occupational distribution of the intrastate Missouri resident claimant is:

Weeks Claimed (Reference Week)

Occupation	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
Prof., Tech. & Mgr.	1842	1720	1546	1855
Clerical	2209	2282	1931	2386
Sales	551	547	470	634
Farm, Fish & Forest	70	73	67	103
Processing	219	242	236	316
Machine Trades	1009	968	865	1129
Bench Work	755	752	736	762
Structural Work	1580	1186	1006	1445
Misc. Work	1729	1538	1333	1904
Domestic	40	38	38	51
Other Services	2049	1862	1569	2052
INA	3621	1422	1105	1851
TOTAL	15674	12630	10902	14488

Applications in file and placements made during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1985 are distributed as follows:

	Female	Vets	-22	Min.	HDCP
Apps. in file, %	45.5	16.2	19.3	41.7	2.2
Placements, %	42.8	12.0	40.3	40.7	2.1

Available Job Oppportunties

The occupations percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1986 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

Occupational Group	Openings Received Percent	Openings Filled Percent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	3.0	1.4
Clerical	18.1	11.4
Sales	10.7	11.6
Processing	1.3	1.6
Machine Trades	3.9	3.6
Bench Work	5.5	4.4
Structural Work	14.6	18.5
Motor Freight & Trans.	4.0	3.2
Packaging & Material Handling	8.8	11.8
Domestic	0.9	0.8
Other Services	28.1	30.7
Other Occupations	1.1	1.0

Unemployment Rate Outlook

The unemployment rate in December, 1985 is expected to be 7.2%.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)

Area and State: St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. Met. Area **Month and Year of Current:** November, 1985

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary, Total	1,064,200	1,065,300	1,057,900	-1,100	+6,300
Percent Change				-(0.1)	+(0.6)
Manufacturing	225,900	229,300	228,100	-3,400	-2,200
Durable Goods	143,700	147,000	143,900	-3,300	-200
Lumber & Furniture	5,300	5,400	4,800	-100	+500
Stone, Clay & Glass	3,400	3,500	3,700	-100	-300
Primary Metal Industries	14,100	14,100	15,300	0	-1,200
Fabricated Metal Products	17,200	17,300	17,300	-100	-100
Machinery, Except Electrical	18,500	18,700	18,700	-200	-200
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	15,400	15,300	15,100	+100	+300
Transportation Equipment	56,500	59,400	55,700	-2,900	+800
Motor Vehicles	18,700	21,700	19,100	-3,000	-400
Aircraft & Parts	37,100	37,000	35,600	+100	+1,500
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	13,300	13,300	13,300	0	0
Nondurable Goods	82,200	82,300	84,200	-100	-2,000
Food & Kindred Products	21,100	21,300	21,400	-200	-300
Meat Products	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0
Beverages	8,400	8,400	8,500	0	-100
Textiles & Apparel	6,600	6,500	6,700	+100	-100
Paper & Paper Products	5,700	5,700	5,800	0	-100
Printing & Publishing	16,300	16,300	16,600	0	-300
Chemical & Allied Products	20,500	20,500	20,500	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
Leather & Leather Products	4,700	4,600	5,600	-100	-500
Other Nondurable Goods	4,900	5,000	5,600	-100	-700
Nonmanufacturing	838,300	836,000	829,800	+2,300	+8,500
Mining	3,700	3,700	3,600	0	+100
Construction	52,000	52,500	53,600	-500	-1,600
Transportation & Public Utilities	73,100	73,900	74,000	-800	-900
Railroads	6,900	6,900	7,500	0	-600
Transportation, Except Railroads	38,500	39,400	39,400	-900	-900
Communications & Public Utilities	27,700	27,600	27,100	+100	+600
Wholesale & Retail Trade	253,500	250,700	251,500	+2,800	+2,000
Wholesale Trade	64,900	64,700	65,400	+200	-500
Retail Trade	188,600	186,000	186,100	+2,600	+2,500
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	64,300	64,500	62,700	-200	+1,600
Service, Except Domestic	253,900	253,700	245,500	+200	+8,400
Total Government	137,800	137,000	138,900	+800	-1,100
Total Federal Government	38,500	38,500	37,500	0	+1,000
Total State & Local Government	99,300	98,500	101,400	+800	-2,100
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	3,400	300	500	+3,100	+2,900

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Table 2. Average Hours & Earnings of Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing

Area and State: St. Louis Metropolitan Area **Month and Year of Current Data: November, 1985**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	INA	INA	$443.48	INA	INA	40.5	INA	INA	$10.95
Durable Goods	INA	INA	468.12	INA	INA	41.5	INA	INA	11.28
Lumber & Furniture	340.16	340.29	364.42	39.6	39.8	43.8	8.59	8.55	8.32
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	388.19	463.43	422.14	36.9	42.4	39.6	10.52	10.93	10.66
Primary Metal Industries	489.54	481.16	446.99	41.0	40.4	38.6	11.94	11.91	11.58
Fabricated Metal Products	429.48	426.36	409.64	41.9	41.8	40.2	10.25	10.20	10.19
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	461.96	447.92	452.65	41.1	40.1	41.3	11.24	11.17	10.96
Elect & Electronic Equip.	318.67	318.16	324.92	39.1	38.8	39.1	8.15	8.20	8.31
Transportation Equipment	INA	INA	602.55	INA	INA	44.6	INA	INA	13.51
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	305.33	312.83	299.93	38.6	39.3	38.7	7.91	7.96	7.75
Nondurable Goods	421.74	413.17	401.84	39.9	39.5	38.9	10.57	10.46	10.33
Food & Kindred Products	487.12	496.94	484.00	39.7	40.5	40.0	12.27	12.27	12.10
Textiles & Apparel	217.44	213.13	215.52	36.0	35.7	35.8	6.04	5.97	6.02
Paper & Paper Products	428.22	429.84	435.87	40.9	42.1	42.4	10.47	10.21	10.28
Printing & Publishing	417.37	382.13	392.62	39.3	37.5	36.9	10.62	10.19	10.64
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	497.96	490.81	451.44	42.2	41.7	39.6	11.80	11.77	11.40
Petroleum & Coal Products	629.40	628.97	604.20	42.1	42.1	42.4	14.95	14.94	14.25
Leather & Leather Products	191.51	187.41	191.30	35.4	34.9	35.1	5.41	5.37	5.45
Other Nondurable Goods	329.38	313.56	311.25	41.8	40.2	39.7	7.88	7.80	7.84

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Springfield Labor Market Review

(Greene and Christian Counties)

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Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

The Springfield MSA labor force decreased from 122,600 in October to 122,200 in November. Approximately 5,500 persons were unemployed in November, the same as in October. The rate of unemployment was estimated to be 4.5 percent of the labor force for both October and November.

During November 1984, there were 5,800 workers unemployed and the rate of unemployment was calculated at 4.9 percent of the labor force.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Payrolled employment rose 100 from October to reach 98,100 in November. Manufacturing jobs, estimated at 18,800, remained at the October level. Nonmanufacturing industries recording significant changes in employment from October include: construction, down 200; services, up 200; and government, up 100. The increase in government occurred in the state and local segment.

Since November 1984, the number of payrolled jobs increased by 1,400. This is the net result of a 700 decrease in manufacturing employment and a jump of 2,100 jobs in the nonmanufacturing sector. The most significant gains during the 12-month period took place in construction, trade and services.

Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers rose from $8.84 in October to $8.91 in November. The increase results from higher hourly earnings because of piece work or higher incentive pay and overtime worked at premium pay.

During November 1984, average hourly wages amounted

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

(Place of Work)

(Benchmark — March, 1984)

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri **Month and Year of Current:** November, 1985

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonag. Wage & Salary, Employment (Exc. Domestics)	98,100	98,000	96,700	+100	+1,400
Manufacturing	18,800	18,800	19,500	0	-700
Durable Goods	9,500	9,600	10,400	-100	-900
Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.)	1,000	1,000	900	0	+100
Other Durable Goods	8,500	8,600	9,500	-100	-1,000
Nondurable Goods	9,300	9,200	9,100	+100	+200
Food Processing	3,900	3,800	3,900	+100	0
Printing & Publishing	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3,800	3,800	3,600	0	+200
Nonmanufacturing	79,300	79,200	77,200	+100	+2,100
Mining	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	4,100	4,300	3,500	-200	+600
Transportation & Utilities	5,900	5,900	6,100	0	-200
Trade	27,500	27,500	27,100	0	+400
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,400	4,400	4,300	0	+100
Services	24,300	24,100	23,000	0	+1,300
Government	13,000	12,900	13,100	+100	-100
Federal	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0
State and Local	11,300	11,200	11,400	+100	-100
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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to $8.28 and the average factory workweek came to 38.7 hours.

Employment and Unemployment Outlook

Payrolled employment is expected to remain near the November level during December. A slight reduction in construction and manufacturing jobs should be offset by hiring activity in retail trade establishments during the Christmas rush.

A seasonal upturn in the rate of unemployment will start in December. An increase of two or three-tenths of a percentage point in the rate of unemployment seems likely during December. A more substantial rise is expected in January, 1986.

Table 2. Gross Average Hours and Earnings for Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing Industries

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri **Month and Year of Current Data: November, 1985**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$351.05	$338.57	$320.44	39.4	38.3	38.7	$8.91	$8.84	$8.28
Durable Goods	337.79	318.94	309.64	39.6	37.7	38.9	8.53	8.45	7.96
Nondurable Goods	367.64	364.02	326.27	39.1	39.1	38.3	9.40	9.31	8.78
Food & Kindred Products	414.29	400.25	368.93	41.1	40.8	39.5	10.08	9.81	9.34
Other Nondurable Goods	344.04	346.62	318.10	38.1	38.3	37.6	9.03	9.05	8.46

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